Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Has any one who has been organiser been absorbed in service in any department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* Mr. M. K. Devassy, who was an Assistant Organiser has been absorbed in service. He will be in charge of Labour Exchange. Then of course Mr. Marar is the permanent Head clerk.

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur):* May I know whether others are out of employment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* It is not correct to say that they were employed. They were doing honorary work in aid of the war.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I fear the Government Secretary.. ..

Mr. President: If the Hon'ble Member was particular about any point he might have mentioned that point in his question. Then the answer would have been given.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Does not this supplementary questions arise from this?

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member is at perfect liberty to put supplementary questions but he cannot expect to get all the information he seeks.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know the pay of these officers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* The pay of the first officer is Rs. 200—300, pay of the last officer Rs. 60—80 and that of the State Assistant Organiser is Rs. 150—200.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether No. 1 had already been absorbed in service?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* He was already in service as the Publicity Officer.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജി. എസ്സ്. ധാരാസിംഗ്: ഈ പ്രസ്ഥാനം പരിപൂർണ്ണമായിട്ട് നിൽക്കൽ ചെയ്യുവെന്നല്ലെ പറയുന്നത്?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ: അതെ.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജി. എസ്സ്. ധാരാസിംഗ്: ഇനി അതിന്റെ ഒരു ലാഞ്ഛനപോലും ഇല്ലെ?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ: ഇല്ല.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know any one of these Honorary workers Nos. 3, 4 and 5 has been given any certificate of merit for their work?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* Not yet.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will the Government consider the desirability of giving such a certificate?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* Government have proposed to issue for the present a certificate in appreciation of the work that all the members have done for war effort. Not only to them but there are several others who have done voluntary and generally valuable work in aid of war. To all of them it is their earnest desire to present a mark of appreciation.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Will the Government be pleased to consider the case of those who have subsequently resigned also?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* That question does not arise.

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur):* Will the Government have any intention to issue certificates for those who were getting small salaries?

THE COCHIN NEWSPAPERS ACT—REPEAL OF

54. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) on what date did this House pass the Cochin Newspapers Act (Repeal) Bill;
(*b*) what was the fate of that Bill since then?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) On 1st April 1938.

(*b*) The Bill has not been passed into law.

Mr. P. A. Muhamed Ashrof *(Cranganur):* May I know whether the Bill has been dissented from by His Highness?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* I said that the Bill has not been passed into law.

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur):* Assent has not been given. So does it not mean that it has been dissented from?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* The Bill has not been dissented from by His Highness.

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur):* Assent has not been given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* I do not say that.

മിസ്റ്റർ പുത്തൂർ അച്യുതമേനോൻ: ഇതിന്റെ അർത്ഥം എന്താണ്?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ: ഈ ബിൽ കൌൺസിലിൽ പാസ്സായിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിലും ഇതു ഒരു ആക്ടായി നിയമത്തിൽ വന്നിട്ടില്ല.

Mr. P. A. Muhammad Ashrof *(Cranganur):* Has it been submitted to His Highness?

Rama Varmha Tampuran M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* Such questions are not generally answered.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. മാണി: ഇതു കൌൺസിലിൽ പാസ്സാക്കിട്ടും ഇതു ഒരു ആക്ടായി നിയമത്തിൽ വരത്താതു എന്താണ്?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ: കൌൺസിൽ നടപടികളെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള പ്രൊസീഡിംഗ്സ് നോക്കിയാൽ അറിയാം. അതിൽ ഇതൊക്കെ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether it has not been submitted to His Highness?

Mr. President: Order, order. That question is out of order.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I wish to point out that Standing Orders do provide that when a Bill is passed after the preparation of the marginal notes it has to be submitted to His Highness.

Mr. President: That is true. But the Government is not at liberty to disclose at what particular stage matters stand between this House, Government and His Highness.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* We are helpless, Sir.

LICENSES UNDER THE NEWSPAPERS ACT

55. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):*

(*a*) what are the journals (Please say whether they are dailies, weeklies, monthlies, etc.) for which licenses have been granted by the Government under the Cochin Newspapers Act and who are their editors;

(*b*) what security amounts are taken from each of them;

(*c*) have Government taken any proceedings against any journal under the said Act and if so with what result?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) and (*b*) A list is placed on the Council table.

(*c*) There was no prosecution under the Newspapers Act till date.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Is it not a fact that the security amount of "Keralam" was forfeited?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is mentioned in the statement placed on the Council table that it is in addition to the answer given.

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur):* Is it not a prosecution under the Act?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is mentioned in the statement placed on the Council Table.

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur):* What are the reasons?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is a matter of discretion to be decided by the Government mainly depending on the tone of the papers and the antecedents of the people who run the paper.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know the questioner or the Hon'ble Member of the Government may read it out the table that is before him in answer to questions (*a*) and (*b*).

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I am not prepared to do that. The statement is placed on the Council table so that the Hon'ble Member may read it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is it on the Council table now?

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